Setting up of industries by Big Houses in Backward Areas

1550. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any big business house has set up some industry in backward areas in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details in regard thereto;

(c) the number of persons given employment there; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to approach big business houses to establish indutries in backward areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 175 industrial licences (including 14 carry-on-business licenses) were granted during the years 1984 to 1987 (upto September) to various undertakings registered under the MRTP Act for setting up industries in centrally declared industrially backward areas of the country.

Details, such as name and address of the undertaking, location (including the name of the district), item(s) of manufacture involved and production capacity etc., in respect of all industrial licences issued are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter'. Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

It generally takes about three to four years for an industrial project to fructify. Gestation period, however, varies from project to project. As such, the projects for which the industrial licences have been granted during the period 1984 to 1987 (upto September) would presently be at different stages of implementation. Information about the number of persons given employment in industries set up is not being maintained centrally in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Ministry of Industry.

Recommendations of the Committee on Industry

1551. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to go into the revision of the existing scheme for industrialisation of backward areas has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has not yet taken a final decision on the recommendations of the committee.

Measures to Reduce the Sickness in Small Scale Units

1552. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10 to 15 per cent of the small scale units in the country are either sick or are functioning on the border of sickness;

(b) whether the sickness is more rampant in particular types of industries and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what fresh measures, if any, are being taken by Government to ensure that small entrepreneurs do not invest in sectors that are likely to become sick; and